

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A polyurethane having enhanced properties is made from an aqueous polyurethane dispersion having therein a nonvolatile, non-reactive, property enhancing water-soluble (NNPEW) compound such as urea. Even though the NNPEW is soluble in water, the NNPEW remains in the polyurethane after being exposed to water. In another embodiment, the NNPEW may react with a compound present in the dispersion other than the polyurethane particles of the dispersion when removing the water of the dispersion to form the polyurethane or upon subsequent heating.